

Remarks/Arguments

I. Amendments to Specification:

In the specification, the figure caption for Fig. 6a on page 4, line 20, has been amended to replace "a cross-sectional view" with "an elevational view" to correctly identify the type of figure it is associated with. The paragraph beginning on page 19, line 1, has been amended to correctly describe the type of figure Fig. 6a by replacing "a cross-sectional view" with "an elevational view." The Applicants believe that these changes to the specification merely conforms the specification to the drawings, and therefore in no way introduces new matter into the specification.

II. Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached drawing sheets include proposed changes to Fig. 6c and Fig. 8c. Applicants found previously omitted elements 651' and 651" from Fig. 6c. The attached drawing sheet for Fig. 6c includes a proposed change wherein removal of reference 651 from two portions of Fig. 6c is replaced with the addition of 651' and 651" to conform the drawing to the discussion of Fig. 6c on page 20, line 18. In addition, Applicants found an omission of a reference number from Fig. 8c and the use of incorrect lead lines. The attached drawing sheet for Fig. 8c includes a proposed change to Fig. 8c in which previously omitted element 808 has been added and the incorrect lead lines for reference number 809 have been corrected to conform the drawing to the discussion of Fig. 8c on page 23, line 27 to page 24, line 4.

Applicants believe that these proposed amendments to Figs. 6c and 8c merely conforms the respective drawings to the specification, and therefore in no way introduces new matter into the specification. The Applicants request that these drawing changes be reviewed and approved by the Examiner. Applicants will submit new formal drawings after allowance of at least some claims.

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III. Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 1-54 are pending in the Application.

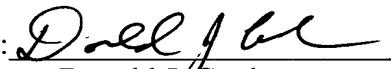
Please amend claims 1, 6-7, 10-11, 15-18, 20-21, 24-25, 27-28, 31, 34, 37-39, 41, and 43.

Please cancel claims 2-5, 22-23, 33, 35-36, and 45-54.

This preliminary amendment amends the claims to better reflect the nature of the invention disclosed. Examination and allowance of these claims is hereby requested.

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